

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 443 – HB 1843

April 6, 2009

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005885): Deletes all language after the enacting clause and grants the Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities the power to delegate to the Department of Health the authority to issue a new license to a successor owner of a health care facility if the successor owner meets the qualifications for license; the health care facility has no outstanding license or certification deficiencies; and the successor owner already owns or controls at least one other health care facility in the state. Increases the amount of major medical equipment that may be purchased prior to receiving a certificate of need, from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Minimal

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Decrease State Revenue – Not Significant
Decrease State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Currently, the Department of Health reviews all change of ownership applications to determine if the new owners meet licensure requirements. If licensure requirements are met, a licensure approval letter is sent to the applicant informing the new owner that he or she may operate the facility.
- The Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities then ratifies the application for licensure at its next scheduled board meeting.
- There will not be a significant decrease in the number of applications for certificates of need. It is estimated to not result in a significant decrease in state revenue or expenditures.

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CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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